PICTURESQUE



ILLUSTRATED WITH PHOTO-ETCHINGS OF ITS

Artistic Homes, Business Interests, Scenery and Surroundings, with Descriptive Text.



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PICTURESQUE KALAMAZOO.

HIS is no misnomer. KALAMAZOO well deserves the name PICTURESQUE. Situated in a beautiful valley through which runs the river of the same name, with a wealth of foliages, native and cultivated, it is indeed a city of RARE BEAUTY.

KALAMAZOO is the county seat of the county, of the same name, one of the best agricultural and most prosperous counties in the STATE OF MICHIGAN—The celery farms on the river bottoms being particularly profitable. These small holdings are valued at from \$400 to \$600 per acre, and in favorable seasons, the income from this source, alone amounts to three-quarters of a million dollars.

THE CITY itself is situated on gradually rising ground, with a background of broken and picturesque hills, upon which many beautiful residences and gardens are situated. The streets are wide, well kept and many of them paved,. In the residence portion are handsome lawns, and abundance of shade trees—of oak, elm, linden, maple, sycamore, etc.—A handsome park with its flowers and fountain, an Historic Indian Mound—which has often served as a rostrum for a host of American statesmen and orators—Orchards, Vineyards and Gardens are so many more attractions in the beautiful city.

SETTLEMENT, etc.

KALAMAZOO was for a long time known as the Big Village—being the largest village in the country. The first settlement was made in 1829 by Titus Brown of Connecticut. Its growth at first was very slow, and it was not until 1846 when the Michigan Central R.R. was completed, that it began to take on a degree of prosperity. As the surrounding country became settled the city became quite a shipping point, and has two large elevators.

Its present population (1890) is about 23,000. Is well supplied with all the adjuncts of a modern and prosperous city. The Water is abundant—being supplied by the Holly system of water-works—with a capacity of 4,000,000 gallons per day. The city is also furnished with Gas, Electric Lights, Street Railways, Postal Delivery, etc.

EDUCATIONAL · AND · SOCIAL · ADVANTAGES.

KALAMAZOO has unexceptional educational advantages. In addition to some six fine school buildings and high school—giving instruction to 4,000 pupils—there is an excellent College which gives a full collegiate course (except

medicine)—has an attendance of about 170; two female seminaries of high character; the Michigan Seminary has a fine building with ample and beautiful grounds, and is conducted on the Mount Holyoke plan—The other is connected with the College. The Public Library contains nearly 2,000 vols. In addition the Ladies of the City have erected a very Beautiful and commodious Library Building—which is conducted entirely by themselves—and is in a very successful condition. Under such favorable auspices it is not a matter of surprise that the tone of society is refined and polished, and that the morals of the city generally are exceptionally good.

Of the dozen or more churches in the city many of them are splendid in Architectural design and elegant in finish. Among the most noteworthy are the Episcopal, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic.

There are a number of public buildings—the Court House being a very fine structure. Among others is the Opera House, Masonic Temple and Gentlemen's Club House. The State Institution for the Insane have commodious buildings and ample grounds over-looking the city. It is one of the best conducted institutions in the country.

Some of the hotels are unsurpassed in the State either in furnishing or service. Two daily papers furnish "informtion for the million," and an efficient Fire Brigade and Police watch over property and people.

MANUFACTURING . AND . BUSINESS . INTERESTS.

As a manufacturing center KALAMAZOO occupies an important position in the State—Some of these interests being very large. Among the most noteworthy of which are Carriage, Wagon and Cart Factories, Carriage Wood Works—one of the largest wheel works in the United States having its shops here—Axle and Spring Works, Agricultural Implements in great variety, Pumps and Wind Mills, Mill Machinery and Engines, Woodenware, Sash and Doors, Burial Caskets, Paper and Flour Mills, Printing, Book and Binding establishments, and quite a number of smaller interests.

On a conservative basis for 1889 the capital employed in these industries was over *Four Million Dollars*, employing 3,000 hands with a pay roll of *Two Million Dollars*, and over *Six Millions* of output. With young and energetic men and increased capital, these interests are rapidly increasing, new ones being added, and many more people employed.

The mercantile interests are also in a prosperous condition. There are five banks with a combined capital of *One Million Dollars*, and deposits to twice that amount.

The city generally is in a flourishing condition and is having a steady growth.

The manufacturer or capitalist seeking investment—those seeking a pleasant home and refined surroundings, will not be disappointed in selecting KALAMAZOO.



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BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE CITY FROM JUDGE SEVEREN'S. KALAMAZOO, MICH.



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DEPOT OF THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

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MAIN STREET,—Business Portion Looking East.

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THE N. CHASE BLOCK. MASONIC TEMPLE.

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BRONSON PARK, FROM SOUTH WEST: KALAMAZOO, MICH.



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LAWRENCE IRON WORKS.—W. S. Lawrence, Proprietor. Kalamazoo, Mich.



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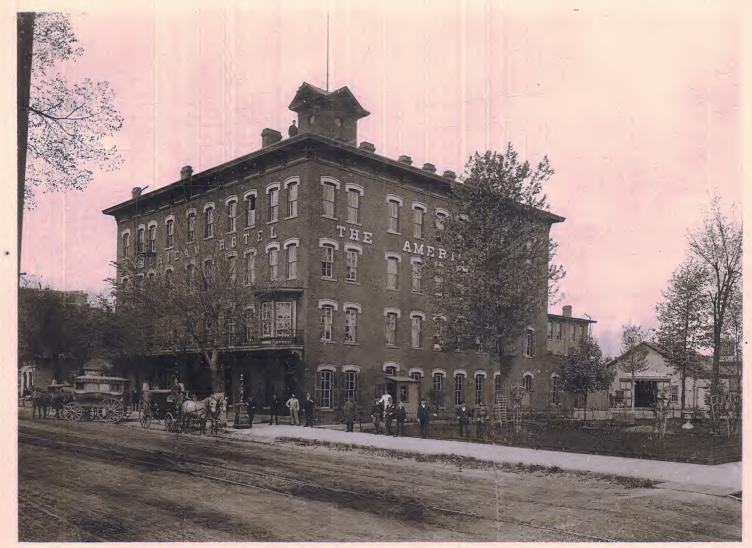
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ON THE KALAMAZOO RIVER—"THE OLD FORD." KALAMAZOO, MICH.



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MICHIGAN ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE—Male Dept. Kalamazoo, Mich.



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MICHIGAN ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE—FEMALE DEPT-KALAMAZOO MICH.



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MAIN STREET.—Residence Portion Looking West. Kalamazoo, mich.



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RESIDENCE OF DALLAS BOUDEMAN, KALAMAZOO, MICH.



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ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INTERIOR.

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GENTLEMEN'S CLUB HOUSE.
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ROSE STREET, FROM HEBER REED'S RESIDENCE.
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HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING—"WHAT DO YOU THINK OF US?" KALAMAZOO, MICH.



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RESIDENCE OF O. M. ALLEN. KALAMAZOO, MICH.



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WILBER HOME AND SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE MINDED.

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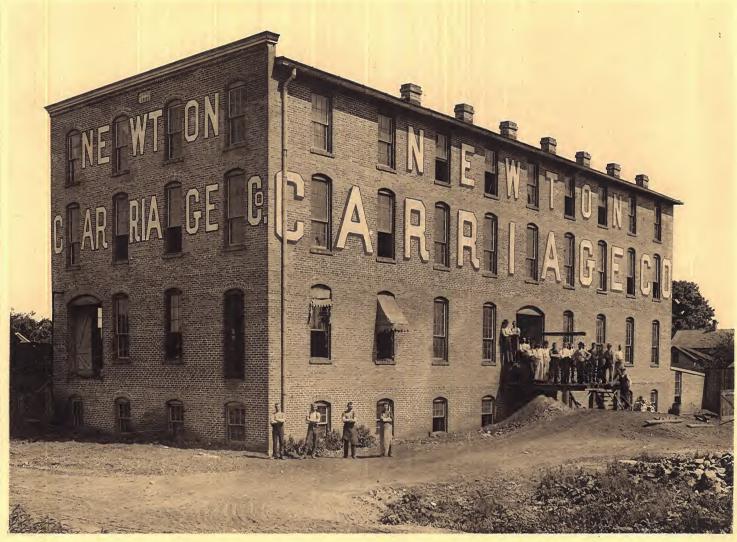
ROSE STREET, LOOKING SOUTH.

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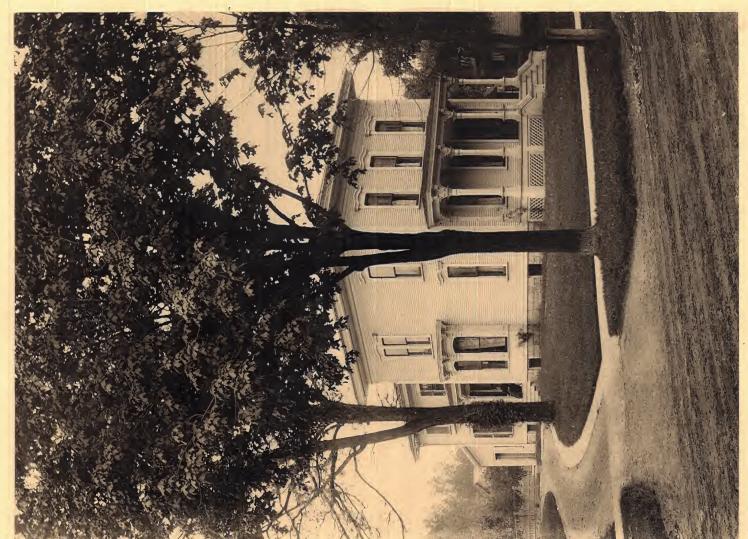
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ON THE KALAMAZOO RIVER—"A BIT OF NATURE."

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LOVEL STREET, FROM ROSE.
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RESIDENCE OF M. W. ROBERTS.

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ON THE KALAMAZOO RIVER—"AT THE CITY'S FEET." KALAMAZOO, MICH.